be summary and directed towards ascertaining the truth of the applications.

(*b*) This matter is already engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In respect of how many applications has the enquiry been completed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About 164 applications have been enquired into and reports on those applications have been sent up to the Government.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In answer to part (*a*) of the question it is stated "the enquiry has only to be summary and directed towards ascertaining the *truth* of the applications". May I know whether by the word '*truth*' the genuineness of the applications themselves is meant or the genuineness of the statements contained in them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I rely on the language of the Section in the Regulation. The answer is only a quotation of the Section of the Regulation passed by this Council.

Breaches in the Tovala Channel.

336. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many times, within the last ten years, breaches have occurred in the Tovala Channel, and also what the total expenditure incurred within that period was, for closing such breaches in the channel?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About 40 breaches are reported to have occurred during the last ten years in the Tovala channel and an expenditure of Rs. 17,609 was incurred in closing them.

Kist months in Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara Taluks.

337. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In view of the fact that the cultivators of land in the Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara taluks have very little income from land during the months of Vrischikam and Dhanu, will the Government be pleased to shift the instalments of land tax payable during those months to the months of Makaram and Kumbham when they get a larger income from the land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question of changing the months fixed for the payment of *kist* for the Kanni crop formed the subject of an interpellation by the Member for the Karunagapalli constituency at the session of the Legislative Council held in Karkatakam 1098. As the result of the enquiry conducted thereon, G. O. Dis. No. 417/24, Revenue, dated the 28th March 1924, was issued sanctioning the *kist* months for the Kanni crop being altered from Tulam and Vrischikam to Vrischikam and Dhanu, as a tentative measure for two years from 1100, in so far as the taluks of the Quilon Revenue Division are concerned. The working of the above tentative

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